

be exhausted, & that ere now you will have
"give him up" on account of his neglect
of your kind & valued letters. I am not
troubled on his behalf, for I know your
long suffering is greater than even his
repeated failures to pen a line to you.
I am weary, & your confidence in
him will combine with your tendency
to put a charitable construction on the
omissions of your friends, & you are wont to
regard any service to the Cause as done
to you, & you rest satisfied that its more
pressing demands alone reconcile him to
postpone communion with you. He
desires me to begin this letter with saying
that the first thing he writes he means
to be to you, & hopes it will be soon enough
to accompany these lines which I am

condemning in the few spare minutes of a
day for how long that they may go in
the parcel but Folger tells me much the
sent off to you. Mr Webb has forwarded
us three books for you which we have
kept as long as we could for the chance of
an opportunity, but my inquiries have
been fruitless. The People's Journal I am
quite concerned not to have looked out
sent by Miss Tripe, for I think you had
asked for it in a letter to my Aunt which
I heard of long ago. But it had passed away
from my memory till Mr Webb asked us
to look out for it. The 3 books of his he
tells us he would not part with to any one
else, so I trust as ill may befall them.
How grateful & ashamed your tender
solicitude & affectionate inquiries for us
made me! They seemed so undeserved. But
at my letter to you answering them in
fact & asked them I have not hurried about
acknowledging them. My business during
the last five weeks, which have been
spent in London, has been to regain

health & working power I wish to exhaust
any of my acquisitions in that line by
prolonged writing, so I have gone rectly
~~about~~^{on} amusing myself with seeing old
friends, forming new ones, reviving che-
rished associations, strengthening ex-
isting bonds, & drinking in fresh air
in exhilarating draughts, till I can
hardly identify my present London
self with the good for nothing Danaid
being I had been at home. Of course
am in no haste to return there, & have
done my best to invent a sufficient pre-
text for my Father's coming here first,
tho' when he enquired what specific object
was to be answered ^{by it} I could not spread out
the list of advantages over half a page.
I still think however they are commensurate
with the effort tho' not easily reduced to a
catalogue; there is a sort of "Master of cere-
monies" Antislavery work greatly needing
to be done ~~in~~ London which no one else
will take in hand, & which perhaps
no one but my Father could effect. We

are doing our best to introduce congenial
spirits to each other, & hope to make some
good pull together with less waste of energy
than while each is toiling apart from
the rest. Before entering on A. S. politics
however I am going to ask you a matter
of fact dry question or two for the benefit
of a young friend, a distant connection
of Aunt Emma's, who is a governess in a
family the heads of which are meditating
spending six months in Paris. They
want very much to know how it could
be accomplished so as to combine the
greatest amount of accommodation
with the least expense & annoyance.
That is, they don't want to be in a garret
able part of the city, or to furnish their
own apartments if they could get a set
of rooms ready provided, or be received
into a boarding house. The family consists
of a clergyman, his wife, five children, a
servant & a governess (I think), so they would
want 4 bed rooms, & a sitting room. I believe
they do not want to dine at home, at least

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unobjectionable, for she is not a person
whom we know enough to recommend, tho'
we are intimate with an elder sister. Jane has
contrived we understand to pick up a handsome
young officer in Paris whom she is going to marry
& accompany to India forthwith.
This note was intended to ^{be enclosed in} ~~accompany~~ a parcel
of books &c. which Mr Follen talked of forwarding
by your desire. She has ascertained however
that the portraits of Mr Stowe which was
what you specially required are not to be had,
tho' it will be a month before they are ready. I will
therefore send the fragments by post, just
to ask whether the other things - i.e. Mr Webb's
books, a concordance, & the People's Journal
shall be sent at once or reserved for the
pictures? If you can let me have an answer
at once I could send direct from London, but
should you not, write in the course of this
week I will leave the books with Mr Follen
to whom you can address your instructions.
You must have thought me terribly
negligent of your requests, but the fact is I
have only now accidentally discovered a
little note of yours dated Jan. 27 - in the mis-
placed letter you returned Mrs W's letter. My
father opened the parcel in my absence from
home & let the whole slide as old ones. One
of your own are very dissimilar, but never mind. Excuse
this abrupt ending, but I find a note from Mr Follen in
the Concordance, which had better be despatched instead of a
prolongation of my epistle. We are having a series of glorious

they make no point of cooking
being provided. Don't let these
vague enquiries tease you, Louisa
wanted to do a kind turn to this
young lady if way opened "for giving
her some 'guidings," I thought you
not unlikely to know of some estab-
lishment or situation that might
answer to their requirements. If you
have not in your possession material
for enlightening them don't go in search
of them please. We shall hesitate to
introduce any acquaintance to you
or to ask your aid in these little matters
if you feel compelled to go out of your
way to be civil or do a good turn.
Pray don't think because they are our
acquaintance or our enquiries that
they are entitled to anything but what
rests on their own merits. We should
have grieved to force Jane Smith upon
you, even if her companions had been